

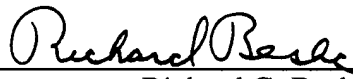
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

By the foregoing amendment, claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of claim 9 indicated allowable in the Office Action of January 12, 2005. Various other amendments have been made to the combination of claims 1 and 9 as now presented in amended claim 1 but it is not believed that the substance of the combined claims 1 and 9 has been significantly altered. Accordingly, applicant submits that claim 1 as amended is now clearly allowable. Since the remaining claim depend from claim 1 as amended, it is believed that those claims likewise should now be formally allowed. Further, in rewriting the claims the rejection based on 35 U.S.C. §112 has been kept in mind and is believed cured by the amendments.

Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the claims presently pending is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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